

Worker Rights Centers for the Greater Protection of Labor Rights in Colombia

The project seeks to improve workers' understanding of their labor rights, by raising awareness and improving workers' ability to protect and claim their rights in Colombia. The project establishes five Worker Rights Centers throughout Colombia – in Bucaramanga, Medellin, Cartagena, Buenaventura, and Villavicencio- that provide legal advice and counselling services for workers and workers' organizations. This is a second phase of a Worker Rights Centers project that operated in Colombia from 2012 to 2016.

REGION/COUNTRY	Americas / Colombia
PROJECT DURATION	12/26/2016— 12/31/2019
FISCAL YEAR & FUNDING AMOUNT	FY2016: USD 1,400,000
PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED	The project supports the government of Colombia in meeting its commitments to the U.S. under the Action Plan associated with the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.
OUR STRATEGY	The targets of this project are workers and workers' organizations. The Escuela Nacional Sindical (ENS) implements this project to assist workers and other stakeholders in: (1) Understanding the scope and applicability of relevant laws; (2) Understanding the process to initiate inspections, investigations, and seek legal remedies; (3) Ensuring that the Ministry of Labor, the Prosecutor General's Office, and other relevant authorities receive well-supported and well-articulated claims; and (4) Strengthening the capacity of local organizations to assist workers. The Workers' Rights Centers provide counseling, legal consultation, and training to workers and workers' organizations in person and through online support.

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

RESULTS

After the implementation of the first phase of this project, an independent evaluation found that: (1) Workers are more knowledgeable about their labor rights; (2) Workers have a better understanding of how to file well-documented legal claims; and (3) Workers are more likely to take legal action after the Workers' Rights Centers helped them.

GRANTEE

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